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LIGHT IN THE WINDOW FOR THE

ble and weary, had retired, but quick-
ly when she heard my footstep, and
at the door with a warm heart, and
warm tear, and a kiss, and a "God bless
my dear boy! After this, my son, I'll
be in the window for you." And true
to word, the bright light in the window
appeared. Oh! how it cheered my heart,
ever, for years.

Health failing me, I left home (after
others could help my mother) and went

When three years from home, and on the Pacific Ocean, my mother died; and before she expired, she said to those around her, "Give Edward my dying blessings, and tell him I have been a good boy, and tell him I hope to go to heaven, and will set a light in the window for him."

mother has moved to mansions above—
 ere's a light in the window for thee;
 mansion in Heaven we see,
 a light in the window for thee.
 ere's a crown and a robe and a palm,
 brother,
 when your labors have ceased to be,
 Jesus has gone to prepare you a home,
 a light in the window for thee;
 mansion in Heaven we see,
 a light in the window for thee.
 watch, and be faithful and pray

brother,
 on your journey o'er life's troubled sea;
 though afflictions assail you, and storms be
 severe,
 there's a light in the window for thee;
 mansion in Heaven we see,
 and a light in the window for thee.
 Men on, perseveringly on, dear brother,
 from conflict and suffering free;
 bright angels are beckoning you over
 the stream—

SMILES AND TEARS.—We go down Broadway with lingering steps; we lounge along and stop now and then. At times it is a tragedy, poetic in its expression, or a landscape picture shown in the truest light of Heaven's wealth of yellow sunbeams; a confusion of foreign tops tempts one's lost childhood to again, or billows of draped silk and

above fold, rippling in silent, sup-
endor. Gold glances out from nearly every
men, golden girdles and clasps, nets of
like woven sunlight, and linked pe-
in their limpid purity and bride-like s-
tiveness.

Appropos of brides, there is a wind
icated to them and their needs exclu-
— a window that ought to have corn-
midcard, and be emblazoned with

Wedlock. It is one of the so famous Tut-tu show-windows. Fleecy bridal veils flitting from orange blossom chapletsthat they are *illusion*, provokes sundry sneers from our bachelor brothers. *Natural*—bridal bouquets, natural as art'spate can render them, bloom in fadeless beauty, immortal as should be the love upon they typify. Glove knots and bride-cakes—festoons of intertwined myrtle and

Many a young girl's heart flutters as she
glances at these symbols of her com-
fate; and I saw two bright tears slow-
ly into the mild eyes of a still young
on that hurried by in saddest weeds

Without a desire to be facetious upon a painful topic, what name could be so appropriate to a mourning store as that seen above these emporiums of the "trapping suits of woe"—Weeds? It always seems to be like a sad sort of sign joke, as the name of a proprietor; one, it might be said, already enrolled in the "Doomsday Book" of the windows of these dismal shops of sorrow. They are like the black letters in our illu-

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